



Austin Design Commission

Recommendation 20170828-03A

Date: August 28, 2017

Subject: Design Commission recommendations to support the right of way vacation request for the entire alley of East 7th Street located between Neches Street and Trinity Street

Motion by: Conor Kenny Second By: Evan Taniguchi

Recommendation

The Austin Design Commission recommends approval of the right of way vacation request.

Description of Recommendation to Council

The Austin Design Commission recommends approval of the right of way vacation request by the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society of The Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. This recommendation is based on the specific mixed-use project presented, including compliance with the restrictive covenant.

Rationale

Dear Director of the Office of Real Estate Services,

This letter is to confirm the Design Commission's support of the right of way vacation request as presented to the body on August 28, 2017 as part of the development of the entire block. The Commission came to this consensus based on the following:

1. All loading and unloading to the property will be on-site.
2. The developer will pay all costs associated with relocating utilities.
3. The new development will contain a public market on the ground floor along with other pedestrian oriented uses.
4. Currently the alley does not exist for several blocks east or west so no connectivity is lost by this vacation.
5. Public parking will be provided.
6. This project can have a positive effect on surrounding area that includes the Salvation Army and the ARCH.

Respectfully,

City of Austin Design Commission

Vote: **9-0**

For: David Carroll, Aan Coleman, Samuel Franco, Katie Halloran, Melissa Henao-Robledo, Conor Kenny, Ben Luckens, Evan Taniguchi, Bart Whatley

David Carroll, Chair

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Against: n/a
Abstain: n/a
Absent: Beau Frail, Martha Gonzales

Attest: 